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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
April 23, DORIS, German str., 721, W. Jerrah, Newchwang 16th April, Beans and General Wines & Co.  
April 24, J. V. TECO, British ship, 1,935, W. B. Farnsworth, New York 16th November, Potassium—MELCHERS & Co.  
April 24, DOUGLAS, British steamer, 832 M. Young, Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 23rd April—General—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
April 24, WAMFOA, British steamer, 1,109, J. E. Williams Shanghai 18th April, via Amoy and Swatow 23rd General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
April 24, PEMBROKE CASTLE, British transport, Harrison, Seaford 3rd April.  
April 24, PICCOT, German steamer, 874, Th. Nissen, Swatow 23rd April—General—WIELES & Co.  
April 24, NINGCHOW, British steamer, 1,743, G. L. Castle, London 12th March, and Singapore 18th April—General—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
April 24, S. F. HEST, American ship, 941, Garry, Newcastle, N.S.W., 24th February, Coal—GIBBS, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
CLEARANCES.  
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
24TH APRIL.  
Fidelio, German str., for Singapore.  
Feling, British str., for Shanghai.  
Benvene, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Kuang-lee, British str., for Ningpo.

DEPARTURES.  
April 23, THIRTY, British str., for Sydney.  
April 24, ATOHAN, British str., for Shanghai.  
April 24, DE BAY, British str., for Shanghai.  
April 24, BIRNHAM WOOD, British str., for Steele.  
April 24, CARIBBEAN, British str., for Whampoa.  
April 24, DORIS, German str., for Whampoa.  
April 24, VENONA, British str., for Singapore.  
April 24, CHI-YUNN, British str., for Singapore.  
April 24, FIDELIO, German str., for Singapore.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Douglas, str., from East Coast—Mr. and Mrs. Fairhurst, 2 children and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, child and maid, one European and 261 Chinese.  
Per Piccote, str., from Swatow—For Hongkong—72 Chinese. For Singapore—40 Chinese.  
Per Whampoa, str., from Shanghai, &c.—66 Chinese.  
Per Ningpo, str., from London, &c.—160 Chinese from Singapore.  
TO DEPART.  
Per Sumatra, str., for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Krobs, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Burmeister, and Mr. Schlie, for Yokohama—Dr. Williams, R.N., Messrs. F. Hazland, Palmer, and Robertson.

DEPARTED.  
Per Thirty, str., for Sydney—Mr. and Mrs. A. Corson.  
Per Venona, str., from Hongkong—For Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. and child, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Digby, Mum and C. W. Colquhoun, for London—Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell, and Mr. W. G. Brown.

## REPORTS.

The German steamer *Doris* reports left Swatow on the 23rd April, and had the weather.

The German steamer *Doris* reports left Newchwang on the 16th April, and had very light variable winds and think fog, the end of the voyage strong N.E. and E. winds and a high rolling sea.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports from Foochow to Swatow strong Northwesterly winds and rain, from Foochow to Amoy strong N.E. winds and light rain. Vessel in Swatow at time of leaving. (in) Whampoa, Foochow, P.C. O. Kao, and Fidelio, in Amoy str., Parts, Feling, and Benlutha.

The British transport *Pembroke Castle* reports left Swatow on the 23rd April, and had fine weather throughout. April 24th reports the *Doris* to Newchwang, 16th April, via Amoy, 16th April, West, 10th Gloucester, 16th April, 16th long, 68 E., long, 68 E., West, 11th Gloucester, in 1st 60 N., long, 68 E., West, 12th 68 E., West, 13th 68 E., West, 14th 68 E., West, 15th 68 E., West, 16th 68 E., West, 17th 68 E., West, 18th 68 E., West, 19th 68 E., West, 20th 68 E., West, 21st 68 E., West, 22nd 68 E., West, 23rd 68 E., West, 24th 68 E., West, 25th 68 E., West, 26th 68 E., West, 27th 68 E., West, 28th 68 E., West, 29th 68 E., West, 30th 68 E., West, 31st 68 E., West, 1st 68 E., West, 2nd 68 E., West, 3rd 68 E., West, 4th 68 E., West, 5th 68 E., West, 6th 68 E., West, 7th 68 E., West, 8th 68 E., West, 9th 68 E., West, 10th 68 E., West, 11th 68 E., West, 12th 68 E., West, 13th 68 E., West, 14th 68 E., West, 15th 68 E., West, 16th 68 E., West, 17th 68 E., West, 18th 68 E., West, 19th 68 E., West, 20th 68 E., West, 21st 68 E., West, 22nd 68 E., West, 23rd 68 E., West, 24th 68 E., West, 25th 68 E., 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## AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTION A NUMBER OF CLASSES.

The disease commences with a slight depression of the stomach, but, if neglected, it in time involves the whole frame, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but if the reader will be so kind as to read the following questions, he will be able to determine whether the disease to which the afflicted — I have distress pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling attended by drowsiness? Do the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky mucus gather about the gums and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there a pain in the sides and back, and is there a fulness about the right side of the heart? Is there a pain in the lower costive area? Is there nothing to eat but what is then excreted? Is there nothing to drink but what is then excreted? Is there nothing to drink but what is then excreted? The symptoms of the disease are as follows: —

1. — Ask for DUNNEFORD'S MAGNESIA.

## BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DUNNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
The best Remedy for Acidity of the Stomach.

DUNNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
For Heart and Headache.

DUNNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
For Gout and Indigestion.

DUNNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
The best Mild Remedy for Diseases of the Skin.

DUNNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
For Diseases of the Skin.

## EXTRACT.

**THE SOLDIERS OF THE GUARD.**  
A NATIONAL SONG.  
The following refers to a well-known band who are set to music, and the song will be played by the Guards band.—

Wake! England! from your sleeping,  
For Queen and country, wake!

Your countrymen are weeping,  
Your honour is at stake.

Hark! to the roar and rattle  
That echo far away;

Give up your loins for battle,  
Or stay at home—and pray.

For the men who are marching to the front,  
For the women who are weeping and bereft,  
For the boys who bear the load and the brunt  
For the broken-hearted girls that they have left.

For the honour, and the valour, 'tis they the duty may be  
had.

For the glory of the soldiers of the Guard!

Speed, England, they are crying  
For help from mother-land;

Avenge the dead and dying  
Left on the desert sand;

Rush to the front and brave it,  
Knock out the rebels' ring;

Unshur the flag and wave it,  
Unshur the flag and wave it;

That England may sing.

For the men who are marching to the front, &c.  
Shout, England, and above it  
Ring out the trumper's knell;

Find out the spot, and love it,  
Where gallant Gordon fell!

March! for the bands are playing,  
Love to the loved a tear;

Farewell! the anchor's weighing,  
But let the people cheer.

For the men who are marching to the front, &c.  
C. S., in Full Mail Budget.

**SPRING FINDING IN BAVARIA.**

The *Algemeine Zeitung* gives some interesting particulars of remarkable success in indicating the presence of water springs on the part of a man named Beraz, who seems to be a recognised authority in such matters. The scene of his performances was in the Bavarian highlands, at a height of more than 1,300 feet above the level of the sea. The coming of Rothenthurn, near Hirschhorn, suffered greatly from want of water, and invited Beraz last autumn to endeavour to find some source of supply for them. He inspected the locality one afternoon in presence of the public authorities and a reporter of the *Algemeine Zeitung*, and announced that water was to be found in certain spots at depths which he stated. The first spot was in the lower village, and he gave the likely depth at between 62 feet and 72 feet, adding that the volume of water which the spring would give would be of about the diameter of an inch and a quarter. After incessant labour for four weeks, consisting mainly of rock blasting, the workmen came on a copious spring of water at a depth of almost 67 feet. What he declared about a water source for the upper village was very singular. He pointed to a spot where, he said, three water courses lay perpendicularly under one another, and running in parallel courses. The first would be found at a depth of between 22 feet and 26 feet, of about the size of a wheat straw, and running in the direction from south-east to north-west. The second lay about 42 feet deep, was of about the size of a thick quill, and ran in the same direction. The third, he said, lay at a depth of about 56 feet, running in the same direction, and as large as a man's little finger. The actual results were as follows:—The first watercourse was struck at a depth of 27 feet, running in the direction indicated, and having a diameter of one-fifth of an inch. The workmen came on the second at a depth of 42-2-3 feet; it had a diameter of 7-2-3 of an inch. The third was found at 62-2 feet below the surface, and having a diameter of 3-5 of an inch—all three running in the direction Beraz had indicated. Unfortunately no hint is given of his method of procedure.

## THE SURNAME IN PICKWICK.

With respect to a note, which has been published on the subject of the source of the surname in "Pickwick," there appears to be strong evidence that so far from "Weller" being merely the cognomen of the irresponsible owner of a door-plate in Camberwell, presented into Dickens's service as a random selection, it was the name, person, and character of Samuel Weller, a well-known and popular low-comedy actor, that together combined to form the original of the immortal "Samuel." Sam Vale, by a little corruption common to Dickens—as witness the notorious origin of "Micawber"—easily becomes Sam Weller or Weller, and finally Weller. The actor is well known to all collectors of George Cruikshank's works through the artist's character-portrait of him as "Dicky Scroggs," the butcher boy in *Dolly and the Eat*, a two-act farce, first played at the Olympic Theatre in 1823. The best-known of Sam Vale's characters is his "Simon Spatterdash" in *The Boozing House*, a very popular farce in the early part of the century, revived for him at Drury Lane Theatre in 1822, the year after Dickens's family removed to London. Charles, being ten years old at the time, Vale's quaint comparison (which forms also one of the humours of Sam Weller's conversation), for which his early-day talk was distinguished, were lavishly introduced by the actor into his part and made a distinct hit. Among those which have been recorded we find the following:—"Come on!" as the man said to the right boot;" "Why, here we are all mustered," as the roast beef said to the Welsh rabbit;" "Where shall we fly?" as the bullet said to the trigger;" "I know the world, as the monkey said when he cut off his tail;" "There she is, musical and unloveliness," as the cricket said to the kettle." An interesting little pamphlet on this subject, entitled, "On the Origin of Sam Weller," has been published by Messrs. Jarvis & Son, of King William Street, Strand.

**DE BANANA.**  
The banana itself, with its practically almost identical relation, the plantain, is a real bit of tropical foliage. The true stem creeps underground, and sends up each year an upright branch, thickly covered with majestic broad green leaves, somewhat like those of the canna cultivated in our gardens as "Indian shot," but far larger, nobler, and handsomer. They sometimes measure from six to ten feet in length, and their thick midrib and strongly marked diverging veins give them a very lordly and graceful appearance. In the South Sea Islands, where there is little shelter, the poor *Fijian*, in cannibal days, often lost his one means of subsistence in this tree, and was compelled to satisfy the pangs of hunger on the plump persons of his immediate relatives. But since the introduction of Christianity, and of a dwarf stout wind-proof variety of banana, his condition in this respect, I am glad to say, has been greatly ameliorated. By descent the banana bush is a developed tropical iris, only that its flowers and fruit are clustered together on a hanging spike, instead of growing solitary and separate as in the true iris. The blossoms, which, though pretty, are comparatively inconspicuous for the size of the plant, show the extraordinary persistence of the iris-type; for almost all the vast number of species, more or less directly descended from the primitive iris, continue to the very end of the chapter to have six petals, six stamens, and three rows of seeds in their fruits or capsules. But

practical man, with his eye always steadily fixed on the one important quality of edibility—the sum and substance to most people of all botanical research—has confined his attention almost entirely to the fruit of the banana. In all essentials (other than the systematically unimportant ones just alluded to) the banana fruit in its original state exactly resembles the capsule of the iris—that pretty pod, that divides in three when ripe, and shows the delicate orange-coated seeds lying in triple rows within—only, in the sweet language of technical botany, it is an indehiscent capsule; and the seeds, instead of standing separate and distinct, as in the iris, are embedded in a soft and pulpy substance which forms the edible and practical part of the entire arrangement. This is the proper appearance of the original and natural banana—before it has been taken to show three rows of seeds, interspersed with pulp, and faintly preserving some dim memory of the dividing wall which once separated them. In practice, however, the banana differs widely from this theoretical ideal, as practice often will differ from theory: for it has been so long cultivated and selected by man—he being probably one of the very oldest, if not actually quite the oldest, of domesticated plants—that it has all but lost the original habit of producing seeds.—*Cornhill Magazine*.

## REMINISCENCES OF GORDON.

"I am quite alone, and like it. I have become what people call a great fatalist, viz. I trust God will pull me through every difficulty. The solitary grandeur of the desert makes one feel how vain is the effort of man. This carries me through my troubles, and enables me to look on death as a coming relief, when it is his will. . . . It is only an instrument put in use for a time that enables me to bear up; and in my present state, during my long, hot, weary rides, I think my thoughts better and clearer than I should with a companion." It will be seen by this citation from our departed hero's diary that his fatalism was not a belief in unchangeable destiny, independent of a controlling Cause; but a deep faith in a controlling Cause which guides the erring and propels the weak. Here are some of the maxims which he has made himself, and by which his spiritual life is governed: "It is a delightful thing to be a fatalist, not as that word is generally employed, but to accept it when things happen and not before. God has for some wise reason so ordained them to happen—all things, not only the great things, but all the circumstances of life; that is what is meant to me by the words 'you are dead,' in St. Paul to the Colossians." Again: "We have nothing further to do when the scroll of events is unrolled than to accept them as being for the best. Before it is unrolled it is another matter; and you could not say I sat still and let things happen with this belief. All I can say is, that amidst troubles and worries no one can have peace till he thus stans upon his God; it gives a man a superhuman strength." And elsewhere: "If we could take all things as ordained and for the best, we should indeed be conquerors of the world. Nothing has ever happened to man so bad as he has anticipated to be. If we would be quiet under our troubles, they would not be so painful to bear. I cannot separate the existence of a God from His predestination and direction of all things, good and evil; the latter He permits, but still controls. . . . I give you Watson on Contentment; there is true exposition of how happiness is to be obtained—i.e., by submission to the will of God, whatever that will be; he who can say he realises this has overcome the world and its trials. Everything that happens to-day, good or evil, is settled and fixed, and it is no use fretting over it. The quiet, peaceful life of our Lord was solely due to His submission to the will of God. There will be times when a strain will come on one; and as the strain, so will your strength be." The above extract from Holo's "Story of Chinese Gordon" is fully illustrated by the following curious and characteristic episode in Gordon's career, narrated in the same work: "When Gordon was taken prisoner by the Abyssinians, he completely disengaged King John. The King received his prisoner sitting on his throne, on whatever piece of furniture did duty for that exalted seat, a chair being placed for the prisoner considerably lower than the seat on which the King sat. The first thing the Pasha did was to seize the chair, piled it upside down, that of his Majesty, and sit down on it; the next, to inform him that he must sit as an equal and would only treat him as such. This somewhat disconcerted his abdicated Majesty, but on recovering himself he said, 'Do you know, Gordon Pasha, that I could kill you on the spot if I liked?' I am perfectly well aware of it, your Majesty, said the Pasha. 'Do so at once if it is your Royal pleasure. I am ready.' This disconcerted the King still more, and he exclaimed, 'What ready to be killed!'—'Certainly,' replied the Pasha; 'we are all ready to die, and so far from fearing your putting me to death, you would confer a favour on me by so doing, for you would be doing for me that which I am precluded by my religious scruples from doing for myself—you would relieve me from all the trouble and misfortune which the future may have in store for me.' This completely staggered King John, who gasped out in despair, 'Then my power has no terrors for you?' 'None whatever,' was the Pasha's laconic reply. 'His Majesty, it is needless to add, instantly collapsed.' The following letter has been received from Sir H. W. Gordon in answer to a resolution forwarded by the Greenwich Conservative Association: "63, Elm Park Road, Chelsea, S.W., February 14, 1885.—Dear Sir.—On the part of my sisters and of myself I have to thank the Greenwich Conservative Association for their very kind resolution of the 12th inst. conveying their condolence and sympathy upon the occasion of the death of my brother, Major-General Gordon. I must be excused making any remarks upon the characteristics of his character. Others must judge of those; but I cannot help observing that our grief has been much enhanced by the fact that General Gordon has been for many months subjected to an anxiety beyond human belief in endeavouring at any personal sacrifice to save the lives of the nobles and community in Khartoum. In this, his whole aim, he failed, and he and his faithful followers have, through internal treachery, been massacred by the Soudanese, the very people of whom General Gordon had said—'I would give my life for these poor people of the Soudan; how can I help feeling for them?'—Believe me, faithfully yours, H. W. Gordon.—George Tucker, Esq., Secy. Greenwich Conservative Association.

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